CARE International Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Community of Practice

About the Community of Practice

The CI MEL Community of Practice is created as a space where MEL specialists and MEL enthusiasts from all CARE offices can:

1. Regularly be informed on progress around the global MEL agenda
2. Engage in sessions and activities focused on: sharing practices/tools/innovations, collectively addressing MEL challenges, training, technical assistance, etc. All with the ultimate goal of strengthening MEL capacities across CARE.

It is a semi-formal platform, facilitated by the CI MEL group, and its success is highly dependent on the extent to which its members are actively engaged, and able to share their experience and perspectives.

How to join

The engagement in the Community of Practice is open to colleagues in all CARE teams around the world (Project, Country, Region, Member or Affiliate, etc.). If you are interested in joining, please fill the global capacity mapping at https://goo.gl/forms/HHHZA7CGv9Q0HQTC2 and you will automatically be incorporated to future communications.

Why a capacity mapping? Members of the Community of Practice are the core of CARE's global capacity for monitoring programmatic actions, measuring impact and capturing and sharing leaning from our programming. Therefore, it is of great value to know how our MEL expertise is consolidated around the world, and the capacity building needs in different aspects of MEL.

Sessions

The CI MEL Community of Practice will start with bi-monthly 1-2 hour sessions (in English) via teleconference and they will normally follow this format:
1. Brief update on CARE's MEL agenda
2. Focused dialogue: presentation, training, panel or other, on a topic of interest
3. Open Discussion: open (but moderated) dialogue, where members are free to share their expertise, documents, resources, etc.
Other forms of interaction will be explored once the Community of Practice is active.

Content

The agenda of the Community of Practice will be highly linked with the priorities that shape the CI MEL agenda. However, members are free to adjust its content or evolve to a wider range of working groups (e.g. in other languages) or other forms of interaction.

FY18 Ideas for Sessions

1. CI MEL Community of Practice Introduction and Expectations.
2. FY17 PIIRS: how the process went, what we've learned, visuals produced and what to do with the data going forward.
3. Learning from evaluations: the current status of the quality of our evaluations and how to make the most of our evaluations.
4. Global/Supplementary indicators: How to assess contribution to 2020 Strategy and the use of multiple methods for Impact Measurement/Impact analysis.
5. CARE markers (gender, governance, resilience).
6. Global MEL principles and standards and how to track the application of MEL standards.
7. Management Information Systems (MIS)/ Data Technology.
8. Specialized MEL frameworks (e.g. MEL Tools for Advocacy).

If you have questions

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